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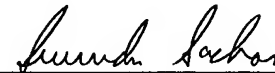
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

- 1) References AA, AB, AO-AR have been cited in the International Search Report. Copies of these references are being submitted herewith only when not automatically provided by the International Searching Authority.
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JP 184388/1984

Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Publication No. 59-184388 discloses an internal gear pump. In this internal gear pump, a flow control valve is slidably installed at a flow control valve receiving hole in which a suction-side bypass passage connecting with a suction port opens at a peripheral surface thereof and a delivery-side bypass passage connecting with a delivery port opens at a rare edge surface thereof, and the flow control valve is pressed toward a rear edge surface side thereof by a spring to close the communication between the suction-side bypass passage and the delivery-side bypass passage.

When delivery pressure of the delivery-side bypass passage is not less than the predetermined value, the flow control valve is pressed down by the delivery pressure against spring force of the spring to communicate the suction-side bypass passage with the delivery-side bypass passage, and oil and the like at the delivery port side is returned to the suction port side. In this internal gear pump, a circular groove communicating with the suction-side bypass passage is formed between the suction-side bypass passage and the flow control valve.

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JP 90990/1987

Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Publication No. 62-90990 discloses a vane pump. The vane pump comprises a pump housing, a cam ring which is installed in the pump housing, a pair of side plates which are disposed at both sides of the cam ring and in which a suction port and a delivery port are respectively formed at the surface that is oppositely connected with the cam ring, a rotor which maintains plural vanes that is slidably connected with a cam surface of the cam ring on the circumference, a flow control valve which adjusts fluid that is delivered from the delivery port to be a certain flow amount and which bypasses extra fluid to a bypass passage that is communicated with the suction port via a cam ring outer peripheral passage. In the vane pump, a deflected portion which refracts a top end of the bypass passage to direct fluid flow toward a cam ring outer periphery is installed, and an inclined portion is installed with respect to a rotor axis line in order that the cam ring outer periphery lies at right angles to flow direction of bypass flow which is directed by the above means.

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JP 2-139386

Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Publication No. 2-139386 discloses a pump. In this pump, a suction port of a pump body is connected to a reserve tank via a suction oil passage, and due to the control of flow amount by a flow control valve, a part of operating oil from a pump delivery port is released as extra oil into a drain oil passage which connects the suction port with a pump suction room to be returned to the pump suction room. In this pump, corrosion-proof curing layer portion is formed at an inner wall of the drain oil passage.

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